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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financial arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/57/619). During its consideration of the note, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General who provided additional information.

2. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the Secretary-General's note, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/251 B of 27 June 2002, the question of the apportionment of the balance of the appropriations for UNAMSIL in the amount of $167,369,100 was left to be considered in connection with possible adjustments to the Mission's military and civilian components.

3. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General, based on Security Council resolution 1436 (2002) of 24 September 2002 and the current status of expenditures for UNAMSIL, expenditures for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 are estimated at $602,912,100 and the related staff assessment income at $6,293,700. In paragraph 4 of his note, the Secretary-General requested that the amount of $100,804,800 be apportioned among Member States for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003. The Advisory Committee ascertained that this amount was arrived at by deducting the unutilized balance of $66,564,300 gross for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 from the $167,369,100 balance left to be assessed.

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4. The Advisory Committee points out that a brief note such as that contained in A/57/619 is not sufficient to justify an assessment of more than $100 million. The Committee requested detailed information on financial performance and expenditures, but in the short time available it was not possible to provide material that was of use to the Committee. The Committee stresses that future submissions must be accompanied with full supporting detail and justification. Under the circumstances, the Advisory Committee recommends an assessment of $90 million.